

### *THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHARACTER*

Carthage and Venice, the queens of commerce, are wasted or decayed; the old creeds are almost defunct, and the chief thing that keeps the Bible close to the world's heart is the fact that at its centre is the man Jesus with his strong and tender heart, the splendor of the ages.

There is more of Christ in the world to-day than ever before. Men are asking as never before, "What would Jesus do?" The test being Christly character, no other age of all the millenniums was so glorious as this. But if the age is the noblest, it is because the voice of Christ calls the heroes of our times to action, because the hand of Jesus—that pierced hand—points out the path, thorny and rough, over which our feet must walk if we would be partakers with him of his sufferings and share with him the glory of being builders of the Kingdom of God.

All things affirm, with the emphasis of a deep-toned and universal crescendo, the triumph of Jesus of Nazareth in his divine work as the Savior of the world.

The character of Jesus is the sublimest vision of the ages, the noblest theme the All-Father has ever presented for the contemplation of the sons of men, who, through Jesus, have